#### FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

First Session.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senate—After the opening of the senate, Mr. Wellington occupied over an hour continuing the debate on the Philippine question. His contention was that the United States should not take permanent possession of the archipelago, but after subduing the insurrection confer upon the Filippinos the right to govern themselves, affording them such protection as they might need. Mr. Teller resumed his speech on the financial bill. He had not concluded his remarsk when he suspended them for the day.

House—The house passed the senate bill to extend the powers of the director of the census after striking out the committee amendment to authorize the director to contract for extra printing with private contractors. The whole fight was upon that amendment. The influence of the public printer and the labor organizations of the country was employed against it, and after a lively debate of several bours it was overwhelmingly defeated. The publication of the reports of the 12th census therefore will be made by the public printer, as in the past.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Senate—A resolution was adopted calling upon the president for information as to whether any representative of the Transvaal had applied to the United States government for recognition, and if such application had been made, if it had been accepted, and, if not, why not. On this question Mr. Hale, of Maine, said that "The war which Great Britain is waging is the most fell blow at human liberty that has been struck in the century." He declared that nine-tenths of the American people sympathized with the Boers in the present struggle. Mr. Morgan addressed the senate adjourned.

House—The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$145,245,250, was passed by the house. It was made the vehicle of an at-

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House—The reports of the special committee of investigation in the case of Erigham H. Roberts, of Utah, were presented The minority report favors scating Mr. Roberts and then expelling him for polygamous practices, while the majority report favors excluding him entirely. A bill was introduced for the establishment of a United States military fort not more than 10 miles distant from the falls in the Ohio river at Louisville. A large number of private pension bills were introduced, and the rest of the day was devoted to culogies on the life and character of the late Lorenzo Danforth.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Senate—It was the conference he was entitled to cast the deciding vote, and voted no, thus debarring the state.

The report of the committee on rules and order of business was read and adopted amid great confusion. A number of the miners having taken umbrage at the ruling of the chair began to leave the hall, and before the hour of adjournment had arvived half of them had taken their departure.

maracter of the late Lorenzo Danferth. Washington, Jan. 22—Senate—It was mother day of oratory in the senate, it is business beyond routine being transacted. Mr. Pritchard (N. C.), delivered a organd carefully prepared address upon the race question in the south, his remarks being addressed particularly uninst the proposed amendment to the constitution of North Carolina, which, if macted, he said, would disfranchise a arge class of voters, both white and olack. He was followed by Mr. Turner Wash.) in a speech on the Philippine mestion in which he arraigned the adminstration's policy as set out in the president's message.

Washington, Jan. 23.-Senate-The com-

house. Arguments were made in favor of both the majority and minority reports, and then Mr. Roberts Sefended his position in a lengthy speech. No action was taken.

watch ne turns around and votes trian. His skull was badly fractured and he continued unconscious up to county officials in Tennessee has been declared unconstitutional. The new taken.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senate—Routine business occupied the attention of the senate in a brief session. The resolution by Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.), calling upon the president for information regarding the treaty entered into with the sultan of Sula, was passed. An extended debate was precipitated by a conference report on the census administrative bill, but the census committee gained its point and the measure was sent back to conference.

House—The Roberts case occupied the entire time of the house, the most of the speeches being made in favor of the majority report. No ballot was taken.

#### FIGHTING THE FILIPINOS.

Several Severe Encounters in Which the Rebels Lost Quite Heavily in Killed and Wounded.

Manila, Jan. 25 .- A part of Gen. Schwan's column, consisting of six companies with some artillery, drove a force of 500 insurgents from their entrenchments at San Diego, near San Pablo, on Sunday, The enemy officially reported that they lost 67 killed and many wounded. Our casualties were one killed and 14 wounded, the injuries in most instances being slight.

Another battalion, while executing a flank movement, came upon a hundred other rebels in an entrenched position and routed them, killing 15. The Americans had two wounded.

Gen. Schwan moved against Majayjay, Laguna province, on Tuesday. He found its position almost impregnable, but, by lowering men down the river banks by ropes, flanked the enemy and drove them out. A part of his command proceeded to Santa Cruz, killing six insurgents.

Gen. Wheeler and his daughter left on Wednesday on the transport Warren for San Francisco, via Hong Kong and Guam.

### CHINA'S NEW EMPEROR.

Putsing, the Nine-Year-Old Son of Prince Tunno, Will Ascend the Throne January 31.

Shanghai, Jan. 25,-The North China Daily News publishes an edict just signed by Emperor Kwangsu appoint ing as emperor in his place Putsing, the 9-year-old son of Prince Tuano. The new emperor will ascend the throng on January 31.

Cigarmakers Locked Out.

Boston, Jan. 24.—Twelve hundred union eigarmakers were locked out in this city as the result of a demand upon the manufacturers for an increase in the rate of certain kinds of hand work. The manufacturers have which he believes to be cyanide of decided to hold the men to their pres. mercury. ent contract.

Cost of Customs Collection Washington, Jan. 24. - Secretary

#### MINERS HAVE A ROW.

lowa Representatives Barred From the Joint Convention at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 25.-There was a two hours session of the joint conference between the delegates from the United Mine Workers' of America and those from the interstate operators' association by which so much bad feeling was engendered that it was deemed advisable to adjourn.

The wrangle started when the credentials committee reported a division on the matter of admitting the delegates and the operators from the state of Iowa, which was decided by the chairman against the miners and continued until Chairman Bogle had called Delegate Ryan a damnable liar.

Immediately upon calling the session to order Chairman Bogle asked \$2.75. In addition to this advance for the report of the committee on credentials and Chairman Dilcher reported that it had been decided that the states of Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois were entitled to representation in the joint conference. When it came to consider-House—The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$145,245,259, was passed by the house. It was made the vehicle of an attack upon the commissioner of pensions by several members and as a result a rider was put upon the bill by unanimous consent empowering the commissioner in his discretion to withhold the fees of attorneys of record in pension cases. ing the admission of the state of bers from the operators opposing and those from the miners favoring of attorneys of record in pension cases where he was satisfied that the attorneys had not prepared the cases under their personal supervision. of the laws governing the session of the conference he was entitled to

The delegation from the various tates were next asked to appoint a scale committee of four member. with four alternates, which was soon

accomplished. After these committees had been named a motion was made to allow the delegates not seated to have a seat in the conference without a voice.

Mouse—The house was in session only minutes, and nothing of public importance was done except to refer to the caker for settlement a dispute between appropriations and military affairs maniftees over jurisdiction of the estimates for appropriations for the manufacture of small arms at the Rock Island of Springfield arsenals. A few District Columbia bills of minor importance core passed.

This started the trouble. On the roll call the motion was lost, the miners voting against it giving as their reasons that the delegates ought to be admitted to the full privilege or not at all. During the discussion Secretary William D. Ryan rose and This started the trouble. On the Secretary William D. Ryan rose and

washington, Jan. 23.—Senate—The committee on privileges and elections made a report on the Quay case. A majority report was against seating him, and the minority advocates giving him the seat. No action was taken. The rest of the day was devoted entirely to speech-making. Mr. Turner and Mr. Ross discussing the Philippine question, and Mr. McEnery concluding his speech on the race question in the south.

House—The Reberts case was the one

Chairman Bogle replied by saying: "I feel very much hurt at the accusations made aginst me by the delegate because I think there is no foundation for them."

He then reviewed the law on his ruling and as he finished walked to the front of the stage and shaking his finger at Ryan, said:

"I do not propose to be insulted by any man on top of God's green earth. I did not want the chairmanship of this conference, and I don't want it now, and I say that the delegate who has accused me of being two-faced is

damnable liar." President Mitchell rose and after saying the matters under consideration were of too great importance to allow passion to interfere with the deliberations, added: "We made no effort to get the chairmanship of this convention, though entitled by right of greater numbers to do so. to a deciding vote for the simple reason your vote is cast by the chairman of the Indiana operators."

After the session the miners and operators gathered around in little knots discussing the stormy events of the session. Much feeling is shown on both sides. The operators clearly outgeneraled the miners in their efforts to get Iowa and West Virginia admitted and the miners have determined not to give up the fight. It will, it is announced, be continued during the future sessions.

#### OPEN TO TRADE.

Unrestricted Traffic in a Portion of the Philippines-Several Minor Engagements Reported.

Washington, Jan. 25 .- Gen. Otis reported to the war department Wednesday that the western coast of the island of Panay is now open for trade and that the coast of Laguna de Bay and the neighboring sections of the country will also be opened to unrestricted traffic by the end of the week. He also reports several minor engagements with the Filipinos in which the American arms met with the usual success. The enemy last heavily and a large amount of arms and ammunition was captured.

Barnet Died of Poison.

New York, Jan. 23 .- In the Molineux trial Dr. Henry P. Loomis said he had made an autopsy on the remains of Henry C. Barnet, and that in his opinion Barnet had died of poison,

Pope Approves of the Work.

New York, Jan. 23.-Archbishop Keane, who is engaged in increasing Gage has sent to congress an estimate | the endowment of the Catholic uniof \$7,872,000 as the cost of collecting versity at Washington, says the pope the customs during the next fiscal warmly approves the work of the university.

#### WAGES ADJUSTED.

Scale Agreed Upon That Will Govern All the Iron Foundries in the United States.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 24.-The scale committee of the National Founders' association and of the Iron Molders' Union of America held a joint conference here and decided upon a scale of wages which will govern all iron foundries and iron molders belonging to the several associations in the United States and Canada for the period commencing April 1, next, and ending January 1, 1901. The agreement shall also extend through the year 1901 unless during December of this year notice be filed by either side | platform of an engine while drunk. that it is desired to bring the agreement to a close.

The wage scale agreed upon is ar advance of 25 cents all around which was demanded by the molders Floor men get \$2.50 a day and Lenel men over the old scale the men receive

time and one-half for all over time. The trouble which resulted in the national adjustment of the wage scale between molders and founders originated six weeks ago when the molders of the Chandler-Taylor and Rockwood foundries struck for the advance agreed upon. The international board of arbitration was called and the wage scale fixed for the United States and Canada.

## M. S. QUAY'S SEAT.

Findings of Committee on Privileges and Elections in His Case-Majority and Minority Report.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The reports elections in the case of M. S. Quay, a list of 2,000 inside of four days. who claims a seat in the United States senate on the strength of an appointment from the governor of Pennsylvania were presented in the senate Tuesday. The majority report, opposing the seating of Mr. Quay, was signed by Senators Caffery, Pettus, Hurley, Harris and Burrows, the last named the only republican signing it. The minority report bears the signatures of Senators Hoar, Chandler, Pritehard and McComas, all republicans, and advocates giving the seat to Mr. Quay.

The majority report first reviews the circumstances under wheh Mr. Quay's appointment was made, including the failure of the Pennsylvania legislature to elect a senator.

#### HAZEN IS DEAD.

One of the Weather Bureau's Chief Forecasters Dies of Injuries Received in Falling Off a Bicycle.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Henry A. Hazen, one of the chief forecasters of the weather bureau, is dead as the refaced. After saying he had our in sult of the injuries received by a bithe south.

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meteorologists and scientific men. He was born in India 50 years ago, his father being a missionary. He was graduated from Dartmouth college, and then was connected with the scientific department of Yale university for nine years. He joined the United States signal service, now the weather bureau, in 1881. He was single and lived with a sister and two nephews. Another sister is a missionary.

### TERRIBLE INUNDATIONS.

Property Valued at Over 6,000,000 Yens Destroyed in Hokkaldo, Province of Japan.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 24.—Official reports just completed give details of terrible inundations which destroyed property valued at over six millions yen in Hokkaldo province, nothern Japan, in December. Thirty-five towns in I make the point you have no right the district of Ishikari were devasthe total damage is placed at 13,000,-000 yen.

Complete returns show that about 100 fishing schooners and other craft were destroyed or sunk during the severe storm which swept over the Japanese coast Dec. 23 to 25. The total number of lives lost is placed at 189.

Samoan Treaty Safe.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The senate in executive session again discussed the Samoan treaty upon the basis of the motion of Senator Jones (Ark.) to reconsider the vote by which the treaty was ratified. Speeches were made in support of the motion to reconsider, and in opposition. At the conclusion of the debate a vote was ordered, but a roll call disclosed the absence of a quorum. The call, so far as it went, showed 11 for and 22 against.

Promoted Officers Assigned. Washington, Jan. 24.-Officers recently promoted have been assigned to regiments as follows: Col. Charles W. Miner, to the 6th infantry; Col. James M. J. Sanno, to the 18th infantry; Lieut. Col. Charles L. Davis, to the

5th infantry, and Lieut. Col. Frank D.

Baldwin, to the 4th infantry.

Duty on Sample Bottles. Washington, Jan. 24 .- The treasury department has held that so-called sample bottles of brandy, each containing about a tenth of a quart, are not to be admitted free of duty us

quantity imported. A Murderer Reprieved.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—William Epps, who was to have been hanged Tuesday, has been granted a reprieve till February 28. The board of pardons is considering his case.

#### NEWS ITEMS.

T. II. Webb was shot and killed by Will Toland at Yoakum. Tex. About 1,500,000 bushels of coal were

started down the river from Pitts Richard D. Blackmore, the novelist died in London. He was born at Long

worth, Berks, in 1852. Cain McWhite, colored, was instant ly killed while driving across a rail

road track at Blackshear, Ga. James Pyle, the well known soar manufacturer, died at his home ir New York city, aged 77 years.

At Milledgeville, Ga., Lee Dago was

killed in trying to get on the front Prof. Slaby, of Berlin, says that it Germany has any competitor to fear

in electrotechnics it is not Great Bri-

tain but the United States. Congressman Bailey announces that he has no intention of abandoning the senatorial race in Texas against Senator Chilton.

Mrs. Annie Ellsworth Smith, widow of Roswell Smith, founder of the Century Co., died at her home in New York city, aged 73 years. A. J. VanLandingham, commissioner

of the St. Louis Traffic Bureau, died at his residence on Washington boulevard, St. Louis, of heart disease. 'The Ashland woolen mills, at Ash-

land, Ore., were destroyed by fire. The total loss is \$65,000; insurance, \$13,-Rev. Dr. J. Henry Sharpe, a prominent Presbyterian clergyman, died at

his home in Philadelphia, aged 58

years. He was born at Cadiz, O. The steamer Doric, which arrived at San Francisco from the Orient, of the committee on privileges and landed 700 Japanese. This completed

> The post office at Mascoutah, Ill., was robbed of considerable money and \$300 worth of postage stamps. The burgiars blew open the safe and escaped on a hand car.

> All the street car lines are tied up in Trov, N. Y., as the result of the strike of 365 motormen and conductors of the United Traction Co. The men demand 20 cents an hour and a ten hour

> Clifford R. England, of Detroit, who three years ago embezzled \$10,000 from the Warren-Scharf Asphalt Co., of that city, has been landed in jail there, having been arrested in Chicago.

The birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee was celebrated in all the leading cities of the south by the societies of the army and navy of the confederate states and Daughters of the Confederacy. The first 500-foot steamer on the

great lakes was successfully launched at Lorain, O. It was named the John W. Gates. The boat is built of steel, 52 foot beam and 30 feet molded

dred thousands of dollars annually to the people. Ham White, one of the most des-

perate characters in the southwest and a stage robber for many years. Shrubs, and evorything kept in such an has been taken to the Texas penitentiary from Ft. Worth to serve a senhas been taken to the Texas penitentence of 17 years. Julius Schriftgiessen, editor of Der Boston Telegraph, and of the New

England states a prominent German-American resident and a member of many organizations, died in Boston The records of the immigraitno buwas born in Alexander, Va. Mary White, of Birminghah, Ala., a

despondent consumptive, took laudanum with suicidat intent, but was saved by the timely arrival of a physician. Later she poured oil on her clothing and set them on fire, dying before aid reached her.

Excitement prevails at Camden, Tenn., over the failure of the Camden tated. Since September no less than | Bank and Trust Co., which has closed 17,288 houses have been submerged or its doors. The liabilities are placed washed away in Hokkaldo alone, while at \$35,000 and its assets are unknown. This was the only bank in Camden and held deposits from two counties.

The provincial government of British Columbia has declared its intention of so amending itsalien exclusion law as to hereafter permit Americans to hold claims purchased from Canadian locaters. Such a concession quite gatifies the Americans at Atlin.

Advices from Dawson report that United States Mail Carrier Holcomb has arrived at Eagle from Waldes, completing the first winter trip as carrier of the government mail from the seat of the Yukon, a distance of

Dr. Abraham H. Whitmer, first assistant physician at the government hospital for the insane, died of heart failure in Washington, aged 55 years. He had been connected with the government hospital for the insane for 20

While Great Britain is being depleted by death and war service of representatives of her best families comes the announcement that the year 1900 will give the queen several new great-grand children. Since the first of the year two have already made their appearance.

G, C. McConnell, of Macon, Ga., was found dead beside the railroad track in that city. His body was horribly mangled.

News has been received from Cairo that Osman Digna, principal general samples of no mercantile value, but of the late Khalifa Abdullah has been must pay the duty regardless of the captured. Louis Strong, who was to have been

> der, has been respited for 30 days by Gov. Jones. Richard Carter, aged 19, colored, was hanged at Norfolk, Va., for assaulting a v-year-old girl named Mar-

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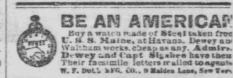
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